

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 19-34 are pending in the application. Claim 29 is amended to remedy a potential informality. Withdrawn claims 35 and 36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants express thanks for the Examiner's indication that each of currently pending claims 19-34 are allowed, and that because the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

The Office Action requires a new title of the invention and a new abstract. In response, the title is amended to state "Semiconductor Device Manufacturing Method." The abstract is also amended to state a method of making a semiconductor device.

As discussed above, withdrawn claims 35 and 36 are canceled, in accordance with the Examiner's requirements.

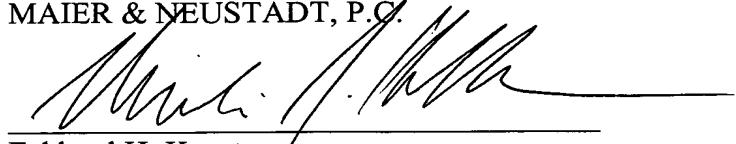
Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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